

6 April 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting Regarding Disposition of CIA Material Related to the HSCA Investigation

Participants:

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1. On 6 April, the above CIA representatives met to discuss recent developments concerning the collection of CIA records related to the HSCA investigation. Five categories of records were identified as being part of the collection:

- a. CIA material reviewed in-house by the HSCA. (37+ feet)
- b. CIA material requested by the HSCA but never reviewed. (17+ feet)
- c. Material formerly held downtown and recently turned over to the CIA. Includes both CIA and HSCA generated material. (24+ feet)
- d. CIA reports, memoranda, and working papers primarily concerned with amendments to HSCA draft reports.
- e. HSCA request letters, CIA replies thereto, and inventories/logs of material requested/supplied to the HSCA.

2. It was reported that Mr. Blakey, HSCA Chief Counsel and Staff Director, has indicated that he intends to review the collection in the next few weeks. It is expected that following this review the HSCA will formally request that certain actions regarding the disposition of the collection be taken by the CIA. It is believed that the request will answer, or provide the basis for answering, the following questions:

- a. What material does the HSCA want preserved and for how long?
- b. What material does the HSCA want destroyed? (It is believed that the HSCA will ask that the records described in 1d above be destroyed.)
- c. Will the preserved material require segregated storage?
- d. What will be the requirements, if any, for continued retrieval of the material?
- e. Will the HSCA requests regarding retention/destruction conform with laws and regulations governing the disposal of CIA records?

3. It was noted that Representative Stokes had, by a recent letter to the DCI, requested that none of the collection be made subject to the FOIA. While the group unanimously agreed that the CIA could not legally exempt any of the CIA records from the FOIA, it was pointed out that our probable retirement procedures would preclude any retrieval on individual documents within the collection. That is, individual documents within the collection would not be locatable without an arduous document by document search - a process not required under the FOIA. However, a considerable amount of information, such as that on Oswald, is currently locatable via existing retrieval systems and is subject to the disclosure laws; the final disposition of the HSCA-related collection will have no bearing on this.

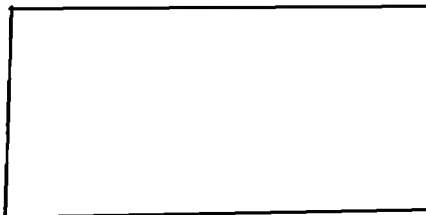
4. The group reached agreement on the following:

a. Each of the categories of material will be made ready for Mr. Blakey's review by the component currently holding the material, including an inventory where appropriate. (OLC will inventory the CIA material the HSCA returned to ensure that nothing is missing.)

b. If material to be preserved is eventually retired in a manner that makes individual document retrieval impracticable, a statement of this fact will be provided to the IPS via the Assistant for Information.

c. While working materials such as handwritten notes, steno pads, typewriter ribbons, etc. could be destroyed now, nothing will be destroyed, regardless of HSCA requests, until NARS approval has been received.

d. The process by which any of the collection is preserved or destroyed will be handled by the DDA in coordination with the appropriate components and the NARS.



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